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## A TERRIBLE CONSPIRACY.

### A Narrow Escape for the Republic of Hawaii

There was only an ordinary audience in the District Court this morning when the case against Sheridan and Underwood, alleged conspirators against the "best" Government of Hawaii was called. Attorney-General Smith was present for a few moments, and Minister Cooper staid during the trial. Miss Kate Field escorted by Consul General Mills were seated next to the prosecuting officers. After a few unimportant cases had been disposed of by Judge Perry. Deputy Attorney-General Carter presented the following charge:

That, Frank Underwood and W. J. Sheridan, at Honolulu, Island of Oahu, within two months past on the 9th day of December, 1895, did maliciously and unlawfully conspire together to overthrow and put down and destroy by force the Government of the Republic of Hawaii, and to levy war against the Republic of Hawaii, and to oppose by force the authority of the Republic of Hawaii contrary to Sec. V., Act III, Laws of the Provisional Government of Hawaii.

The defendants, who are represented by Mr. Alexander Robertson, pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution called as its first witness:

Paul Neumann stated: I reside in Honolulu; I am a lawyer; I know defendants; I cannot fix the date of first seeing the men; Underwood came to my office at the end of November or beginning of December; I did not meet defendants together; Underwood came to me in regard to acquiring the Hayselden property on Lanai for a colonization scheme; I cannot say if at that time foreclosure proceedings had been instituted at Lanai; he wanted to see Hayselden in regard to Lanai; he mentioned that he had been successful in colonization in Guatemala, and would like to go into a similar enterprise here; Defendant Sheridan came to my house, if I recollect rightly, in the beginning of December, enquiring for Hayselden; I told him if he desired to talk business with Hayselden he could leave his business with me; he stated that there was a sporting organization in the States represented by him, who desired Lanai as a general sporting place for gambling, horse-racing, etc.; he claimed that he was backed by lots of capitalists and wanted the consent of the Queen; I asked him how her consent was needed when she wasn't queen now; he told me a plan then to restore the Queen; a large force was behind them; they would swoop down on Hawaii and seize the local steamers; they had 1500 men at Hilo and numerous friends on Maui; but before moving they must have concessions from the Queen; he mentioned no names of any party here but did mention those of certain sporting men in the States; he did not mention Underwood; I referred him to Mr. Hayselden; he also stated he wanted to bring 200 men to Lanai as colonists, as a nucleus for an armed force; I cannot give any statement in regard to his plans how to capture the country; he seemed to intend to capture the local steamers at Maui, and then go to Hilo where he would be joined by a large force; I don't remember that he stated how the men were to come here; it was absolutely necessary, stated Sheridan, to have the concessions from the Queen before the arrangements could be made by his backers.

Cross-examined: An interview took place on my verandah in the afternoon; I have not seen him before or since; the intention of the man was evidently to see Hayselden; he wouldn't have spoken to me, I presume, had I not told him that he could leave word on business for Hayselden with me; I state honestly that I thought he was one of the celebrated Government spies; he acted just as foolish as they generally do in coming to a stranger to disclose his plans and not even make it confidential; the sporting fraternity which he told me was behind were men disgusted on account of restrictions in New York and other places who wanted a place for sport;

he said nothing which indicated that he represented anybody; I thought he was dreaming or a spy; when he spoke about 1500 men in Hilo I knew he was a fool, and I felt sure he must be a spy.

F. H. Hayselden stated: I reside at Lanai, Lahaina, and in Honolulu; I have seen defendant Underwood; I saw him at the Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu; he sent his card to me; I went upstairs and saw him; he told me he was interested in a colonization scheme, and desired to see me in regard to Lanai; as I was going away I referred him to my attorney, Mr. Neumann; I saw him again on Alakea street; Mr. Neumann told me that a proposition had been made by Underwood, and thought I had better see him; I did; he claimed that he could raise capital to buy my property if certain concessions could be given, more especially the granting of a lottery franchise; I told him that there were no prospects of getting a franchise; he suggested the possibility of a change in government; he asked me if I thought it might be granted if the Queen was restored; I told him possibly yes and possibly no; he thought the restoration of the Queen was feasible; the feeling of the Hawaiians and a large number of foreigners were opposed to the Government; he mentioned no names of any eventual co-operators; I have had no conversation with Sheridan, although I have been introduced to him by Underwood; he also came to Neumann's house to see me; I saw him in the dark on the verandah; he referred to the same matter as Underwood; he said he could procure means, that moneyed men would advance capital, but it was necessary to have the concessions of the lottery franchise first; he spoke nearly identically the same as Underwood; this conversation took in the latter part of November.

Cross-examined: There was no proposition made to me in regard to acquiring property; I took no stock in his statement at all; I thought they tried to get me into a hole and I really took them to be government spies; nothing was offered to me; I cannot fix the day of my first interview with Underwood; I cannot recognize the man who spoke to me on Neumann's verandah; it was too dark; he called himself Sheridan.

F. W. Weed stated: I live on School street; I have seen defendant Sheridan; he came into the store about six weeks ago; he introduced himself as Mr. Sheridan; he started talking political matters to me; I told him I knew nothing about politics; he asked me who would be the best people to approach for revolutionary purposes, and asked me if I had any arms; he referred to his partner; nobody was present at our conversation; he stated that they had come here to overturn the government; I told him the best person to go to would be Sam Nowlein. (Laughter.) He came to me about ten days later and told me he was going to Lahaina; he wanted to borrow money for his passage; I gave him none; he told me he was going to Hawaii to take Hilo; defendant told me his name was Morrow, and showed me an article in the S. F. Chronicle of August 15th, referring to him; I have not seen him since; this first interview with him was about a week before I saw Marshal Brown; I have been prosecuted one year ago for conspiracy.

Cross-examined: The interview took place in the Golden Rule Bazaar in the morning; we had about four interviews; at the first interview he asked me how strong the government was; he asked me if I knew where to get guns; this was in the morning. There was nobody else in the store; two ladies came in; I do not recollect who they were; the boy was in the store dusting; a couple of days after he came again; he wanted me to give him references to some people to go to; I said I knew of none except the people who had been arrested during the last revolution; these three interviews were in one week; the last time I saw him was when he wanted to borrow money; since then he did not come again.

Dr. Tucker stated: I reside in Honolulu; I arrived here on the 4th of November; I have seen defendants; I saw them on board the bark S. G. Wilder in San Francisco in October; the defendants were passengers with me on the bark; I have had some conversation with Underwood; it was at the Arlington; I had been informed that the defendants were under police surveillance, and being well-disposed towards the doctor I asked him to my room and posted him in regard to these matters; he told me that he knew the plans of the alleged filibusters in San Francisco; he told me that he was not implicated in their schemes, but that he had been placed in a position to know about it; he offered to lay his information before the Government; I then saw President Dole, who declined, however, to see the man; defendant told me that schemes had been on foot, but had fallen through; he told me that a syndicate of gam-

blers had offered \$50,000; defendant approached me for the purpose of obtaining a position here; he desired to enter the army; both men came here to obtain employment, as I understood; Sheridan claimed to be an accountant and the doctor sometimes talked about practicing, and then mentioned the possibility of buying a trading vessel; he also mentioned the Lanai scheme.

Cross-examined: I don't recollect that Underwood ever spoke to me about him seeing the President in regard to disclosing the filibuster schemes; I did not tell Underwood that an interview could be arranged; no interview was arranged, and subsequently postponed; they had the same statement when they came down and I inferred from their bearing toward each other that they were companions; I ascertained that they were under surveillance immediately after our arrival here; when I spoke to him he was anxious to lay his information before the President.

Dan McKenzie: I live on Alakea street, where I keep a lodging house; defendants have roomed at my place since the arrival of the S. G. Wilder; They had two separate rooms, not connected; they appeared to be acquaintances; they were at my house until arrested.

Cross-examined: Four men came on the same vessel to my house; one was King, the other Mixer; I have three cottages in the same yard; King has left the country; Mixer is still at my house; all four seemed to be friendly; Mr. Rabe, another lodger, had a room between those occupied by the two defendant; both defendants were looking for work; I tried to find work for them; I don't think Sheridan got work; Underwood got work at the new ice works.

The prosecution rested. Counsel for defence moved for a discharge on account of no evidence.

After addresses by the counsels for the defense and the prosecution the Court took the matter under advisement.

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